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1. SUMMARY. BRITISH AMBASSADOR DUNNETT TOLD AMBASSADOR SEPT 4 HIS DEMARCHE LAST WEEK TO GOS FONMIN CABINET DIRECTOR SYLLA ON KOREA QUESTION UNDERSCORED SENEGALESE BIAS TOWARD NORTH KOREAN POSITION ON PRESENCE OF US FORCES IN SOUTH KOREA. END SUMMARY.

2. FONMIN CABINET DIRECTOR SYLLA TOLD UK AMBASSADOR DUNNETT SENEGAL FAVORS EVOLVING POSITION AMONG NON-ALIGNED GROUP WHICH CONSIDERS US-KOREAN DEFENSE PACT AND PRESENCE SOME 30,000 US FORCES IN SOUTH KOREA DISADVANTAGEOUS TO SEOUL'S NON-ALIGNED PRETENTIONS. IT WAS CLEAR AFTER RETREAT OF US FORCES FROM SOUTHEAST ASIA, THAT KOREA AND JAPAN WERE POSITIONS WHERE US MILITARY PRESENCE WOULD NOT BE REDUCED. THEREFORE, NON-ALIGNED GROUP, WHICH TENDS TO DECIDE BY CLEAR CONSENSUS, WOULD HAVE TO REJECT SOUTH KOREA, COUNTRY WITH WHICH MANY OF THE NON-ALIGNED ENJOYED WARM RELATIONS, FOR SAME REASON
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THAT THEY WOULD HAVE TO REJECT ROMANIA, SYLLA SUGGESTED.

MANY OTHER CAPITALIST OR COMMUNIST STATES WOULD NOT BE
REJECTED BECAUSE THEY HAD NO MILITARY PACT WITH
EITHER US OR SOVIET UNION.

3. ACCORDINGLY NON-ALIGNED GROUP, AND PERHAPS SENEGAL,
WOULD TEND TO LISTEN TO AND SUPPORT NORTH KOREAN POSITION
ON TROOP WITHDRAWAL ISSUE AND NOT ONLY IN TERMS OF
UN COMMAND BUT ALSO WITH REGARD TO TROOPS OF ANY WORLD
POWER. IF, AS IT MIGHT BE DEMONSTRATED, THERE REMAINS
THREAT TO THE SECURITY OF THE REGION, A UN COMMAND
MIGHT BE CONSTITUTED TO SERVE SORT OF ROLE IT HAS IN
SINAI--BUT IT SHOULD BE FORMED FROM NON-ALIGNED NATIONS.

4. DUNNETT SAID UNDER INSTRUCTIONS HE HAD MADE ALL THE
POINTS IN KOREA POSITION SHARED BY THE US AND UK--
BUT HE FEARED SENEGALESE WERE BEYOND PERSUASION ON THIS
ONE. I SAID MY OWN EFFORTS WITH GOS PRESIDENT, FONMIN,
UN PERMREP, AND THOSE OF KOREAN AMBASSADOR HAD BEEN
CAREFULLY LISTENED TO, BUT IT WAS CLEAR KIM II SUNG HAD
BEEN MOST PERSUASIVE WITH SENGHOR.

5. COMMENT: EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK TO MOVE SENEGALESE
TOWARD OUR POSITION ON KOREAN QUESTION. EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE
ALSO IN BILATERALS I HOPE US WILL HAVE WITH FOREIGN
MINISTER SECK DURING GENERAL ASSEMBLY.
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